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NO SMALLPOX.

The sensation spread upon the Medical society on Monday night, has caused a conflict of opinion among the doctors in this city and will evoke much discussion throughout the State. It will be seen that the medical fraternity is not in agreement as to the cause of the disease, and that the medical profession is not in agreement as to the treatment of the disease.

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seen the statements and argument of Dr. Mayo and remember this fact: That in all the epidemics of smallpox which commenced with variola, the disease developed into variola in its most virulent form with some fatal cases. Also that while Manila itch prevailed in the Philippines without fatal cases, smallpox, even among the vaccinated soldiers, caused numerous deaths as reported regularly in the dispatches from General Otis. It is pleasant to think that Utah has not been afflicted with the dreaded disease, but amounting to the disagreement about it among "infallible" physicians.

THE "HERALD" RAMPANT.

The Deseret News on Monday had an editorial on the latest tidings from the Philippines. It was to the effect that the insurgents were broken up into small bands of bandits, which it was the business of the civil government there to suppress. "Through the execution of laws suitable to the existing conditions," the article deplored the necessity for still further bloodshed, after so many months spent in the arduous campaign against Aguinaldo and his followers, but predicted a brighter day for the Philippine archipelago, with happy homes for peaceful citizens and the establishment of orderly government and American freedom.

The Salt Lake Herald seizes upon a single paragraph of the article and makes a painful endeavor to distort it, meaning for what purpose it is not easy to perceive. This is what it quotes from the "News":

"The Manila dispatches call attention to the fact that the past week was one of great losses to the Filipino brigands. It seems the Americans rendered irreparable further depredations no less than 1,000 of that class, while their own losses were only nine killed and sixteen wounded."

The Herald then inquires:

"Was that the kind of missionary work Christ taught His disciples to do?"

But who said anything about Christ or missionary work in this connection? The conflict in Luzon is not undertaken in the name of any religion. It is, or has been, war, which has justly been defined as "hell." Just now it is a question of order or tumult, of civil government or anarchy, of American sovereignty or the triumph of banditti. The struggle is not conducted on either side, so far as we are aware, with any pretense of acting in the name of Christ, or as "missionary work." That possibly may be true, as cabled by a Vienna correspondent of the London Times, that the peace commissioners of President Kruger will not be received, officially, either at Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg, or Rome, but that does not necessarily mean that there is any hostility in those capitals toward the United States, as that correspondent seems inclined to argue. At Vienna, we believe, there is some animosity toward this country, on account of the war with Spain, in which a relative of the Austrian ruler had her power badly shattered. But as for Berlin, there may be other sufficient reasons for not receiving the commissioners. If there was, as now alleged, a secret understanding between Germany and Great Britain to the effect that the former country should have free hands in Turkey in consideration of her neutrality in Africa, the Transvaal peace commissioners would not find any official welcome in the German capital.

Russia has reasons of her own for not provoking a conflict on account of the Transvaal. She is bent on adding a large part of eastern Asia to her Siberian territory. Her relations to Japan are not the most cordial, and the probability is that should Russia be involved in a struggle with any other power, Japan would seize the opportunity of occupying the territory coveted by Russia. Both these countries regard Korea as essential to their Asiatic interests, and they also anticipate a war for its possession. But neither is quite ready for the fray. Russia in particular does not care to provoke a conflict at present. For that reason she would not interfere in behalf of Transvaal, even if there were a disposition to do so. Russia must keep out of all international brambles, if she is permitted to do so, until her Siberian railroad and other lines of communication shall have been completed. After that she may, perhaps, try to dictate the policy of the world.

There is, then, no reason for connecting the reception of the Transvaal delegates with the temper of Europe toward the United States as is done by the Times correspondent. It may be perfectly true that Europe, as a rule, is not particularly friendly to this country. The growth of the giant of the western hemisphere has always been a matter of envy to the old states on the declining side of their existence, just as decrepitude too often envious youth and vigor. But that feeling is not, so far, much of a detriment to our industry and commerce. Europe needs this country, its friendship and its products, and there can be nothing in the Transvaal war to disturb the friendly relations existing. If Mr. Kruger's commissioners come to this country, they will certainly be accorded the hospitality due to gentlemen and the representatives of a liberty-loving race; but only narrow-mindedness could construe that as an act of unfriendliness to Great Britain, or to any other country.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

Estimates are made of the immigration for the present year, which place the total number at over half a million, or twice as many as in 1899, and the highest since the year 1892. It has been noticed that immigration closely follows our industrial conditions, and the great number of immigrants is an evidence of the advanced position of the United States as compared to the countries that pour their citizens into our harbors.

A comparison of the nationalities of immigrants is therefore not without interest. In 1892, when the largest influx was recorded, there were, according to published statistics, about a quarter of a million Germans; that year there are only 17,000 of that nationality. Austria, on the contrary, sent 62,000 this year against 29,000 in 1892. From the Scandinavian countries the arrivals have fallen from 93,000 in

1892, to 22,000 this year, while Russia and Finland sent 16,000 this year, against only 21,000 in 1892.

DR. MIVART'S CONFESSION.

Dr. St. George Mivart, in a letter written shortly before his death, expressed his convictions in a manner that deserves special attention. For years he tried to reconcile the theology of his church with the conclusions of science, but at last he gave that up, and confessed his belief in the efficacy of the church. This opened a conflict with one of the cardinals, but death relieved Dr. Mivart of the necessity of defending his position. In view of this, the letter referred to is of more than common interest. Dr. Mivart says:

"I have no more leaning to atheism or agnosticism now than I ever had; but the insuperable, incomprehensible enigma pervading the universe (and it seems to me) disclosed by science, differs profoundly, as I read Nature, from the God worshiped by Christians. Theology has long held that any effort to learn anything about God in nature must be futile. The authors of the Bible hold a different opinion. They teach that the heavens declare the glory of the Almighty, and that 'the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.'"

Dr. Mivart diligently read the book of nature, and after years of study he came to the conclusion that the Power revealed in that book is different from the God of the "Christians." A testimony of a scientist to the truth of the message first delivered in this age by Joseph, the Prophet! But the Bible and Nature agree on this point. Were it possible for scientists to ignore entirely an antiquated theology, and read the Bible by the aid of the Spirit of truth, they would find in that volume many a valuable aid to the study of the mysteries of nature.

THE CHINESE ROMANCE.

The Chinese romance that some time ago interested certain circles in this city, appears to have had another chapter added to it. The Chinese little woman was, as will be remembered, induced to leave her supposed husband and sent to California, to a "mission." Now the fellow that is said to have been the cause of her unfaithfulness, has joined her in California.

The "News" at the time pointed out the folly of missionary zeal that enters families and severs the ties that should be sacred. The sequel of the romance, if it is correctly reported, lends emphasis to this remark. What will a pagan think of a religion that virtually asks a professed convert to obtain another man's wife? Or, still worse, mistress?

There is much complaint from China to the effect that "Christian" missionaries are interfering with families, taking children to mission schools, and so on. Such rumors may be very much exaggerated, but there may also be some foundation for dissatisfaction. Some missionaries are so eager for a convert that they do not stop to consider the means whereby the end is obtained. If ever the golden rule has any application to human conduct, it should be in the dealings of missionaries with their fellowmen. Even pagans should come under the protection of that rule.

Lord Kitchener may be quite a lucky man after all. According to a London dispatch, he has escaped being the husband of a divorced actress.

After all the efforts to seat Mr. Quay, the strict constructionists of the Constitution have prevailed, and Governors cannot do the business of legislatures.

There is much discussion about the paramount issue in the fall campaign. About the only real issue is how to get the coffee so as to keep the profits.

The war news is quite as perplexing to the reader as at any time in the history of the present conflict. Taking the reports from both sides, neither is making good headway at present.

The terrible condition of the South-east States, owing to disastrous floods, seems to have opened a way for liberal people all over the country to hasten to the relief of the suffering and needy inhabitants.

The Chicago plumbers go on strike this evening, to compel the employers to consent to arbitration in the machinists' strike. Perhaps this may be a war, but really the trouble appears to be growing worse.

The story now comes that W. A. Clark of Montana will resign as United States senator. If the committee which reported on his case is right how can he, since he was never elected? The resignation feature comes a little late, unless the Senate is much more lenient with him than the committee has been.

Gen. H. K. Douglas, of the Confederate army, says the story of Barbara Fritchie is a myth. Perhaps so; but it presents a view of patriotism and honor so realistic in its application to leading characters on either side in the great Civil war that the beautiful poem will be none the less popular than before the general's discovery.

In the past eight years the American shipments to Japan have increased eight-fold, that is from a little over three million dollars' worth in 1892 to twenty-six millions this year. This growing favor of American goods in the far East is highly satisfactory as giving a bright commercial outlook for years to come. This remarkable progress is not confined to Japan alone, but China, Asiatic Russia and Australasia show similarly gratifying gains.

The Sixty-ninth New York volunteers, famous for its record in the Civil war, wants to fight for Paul Kruger. The veteran boys should not be too hasty, even though their sympathy be not misguided. This is a time when the honor of their own flag requires the maintenance of a peaceful course by this government, and if any of the gallant Sixty-ninth really are eager for a fight they should enlist in a way that will not compromise their own country even by indirectness.

According to the president of the Roberts college (American) Constanti-

nople, Germany made a pretty good thing for herself in agreeing to keep out of the South African war. The sum of his statement is that Britain was to go in and take the South African republic, while Germany was to have the railway concessions in western Turkey, which ultimately will give the Kaiser control there. Now Russia has secured the railway concessions in eastern Turkey, so that the bird seems to be carved in advance for the benefit of the two continental powers. In the case of partition this way, of course England would come in for Egypt, and Austria would take some of European Turkey. They may matters stand, the French may be wondering where they are to get off at, since there is not even a coaling station left for Loubet's government.

THE TURKISH COMPLICATIONS.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Aside from the question of national dignity that is so plainly involved in this question of personal security is of very pressing importance. If the Sultan believes that we will go no further than the limit of a false diplomacy he will despise both the government and its citizens. So much is certain from what we know of Turkish history and Turkish character. Title to respect throughout the Porte's dominions is derived solely from the government's fears and is held only by conduct that denotes energy, decision and will. The moment there is any relaxation old abuses reappear.

Chicago Record.

The United States is now in a position to know by actual experience some of the unpleasant and aggravating qualities of the Turk. As the result of long diplomatic negotiations the Turkish government was induced to recognize the validity of claims against it for damages done to the property of American citizens resident in Turkey. The Sultan promised to pay the claims, amounting to \$30,000, but although the promise was made sixteen months ago no money has been forthcoming.

Kansas City Star.

It is not likely that anything serious will result from the strained relations between our government and that of Turkey. During the war on the Armenians, which was invented and carried on by the Turkish government, the property of American missions in Turkey to the amount of \$30,000 were destroyed under the direction of Turkish authorities. The United States has, after years of negotiation, been both reconciled and refused payment by the Sultan's government. The last formal promise to pay was made some sixteen months since, but no payment has ever been made. The Sultan is not always able to pay, and even when he is, he is not inclined to do so.

New York Mail and Express.

There is an obvious disposition on the part of Turkey to evade her obligations to the United States, and yet it may be necessary for this government to enforce its claims with something more persuasive than the polite agencies of diplomacy. Minister Straus before his departure from Constantinople was definitely assured that the indemnity demanded for the destruction of American missionary property during the Armenian massacres in 1895 would be paid immediately. Sixteen months have passed since that time, and these claims amounting to something like \$100,000, have not been paid.

San Francisco Chronicle.

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